

MINUTES OF THE
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AND DELTA AREA COMMITTEE
January 27, 1998

Welcome and Admin. Remarks

The format of the meeting was discussed and the minutes of the last Area Committee meeting were reviewed for errors.

Introduction of New Area Committee Chairs

Lieutenant Commander Peter Gautier was introduced as the new San Francisco Bay and Delta Area Committee chair. Lieutenant Commander Mark Dix will be taking over the chair of the North Coast Area Committee and Lieutenant Fred Meadows will be the new chair of the Central Coast Committee this Spring.

1998 ACP

Kristy Plourde discussed the 1998 ACP which was published in December and is now available from Kinko's. Some members voiced concern that site changes were made in this ACP without having the Committee review these changes. In particular, there was concern that the ACP user needed a way of identifying changes, including new sites that were added, sites that were downgraded, and sites identified on the GRP that have no strategies associated with them. Taking into account that the entire format of the ACP was changed and the considerable work that was involved, and that the October, November and December meetings had to be canceled because of spill operations, the Committee discussed possible solutions, including publishing a sheet with an explanation that the numbering system has changed and a list of site changes. The SISRS Subcommittee will decide on how to resolve this during their 11 February meeting.

Subcommittee Briefings:

1. **Lessons Learned** - Terry Joslin brought the Committee up to date with a summary of lessons learned, recommended actions, and their status of implementation. The next Lessons Learned Subcommittee meeting will be held March 5 at 1300 at Clean Bay of fires, to begin processing candidate lessons learned collected from past years spills, PREP drills, ISPRS, near misses, and deployment drills and site surveys.
2. **SISRS/Strategy Testing**. Carl Jochums noted that the subcommittee needs to resolve sites in the ACP that have no strategies associated with them. The subcommittee's objectives for this year will be to identify collection sites for GRPs, and for the long term to make strategies more readable, standardized, and better communicated. The subcommittee will meet 11 February at 1300 at Clean Bay of fires.
3. **Geographic Response Planning**. Jim Hardwick outlined the following objectives for the subcommittee: establish priorities for individual GRP sites, identify collection areas on GRPs, assemble a table for testing site strategies, and link shoreline types in GRPs.
4. **Local Resources**. Steve Ricks, Clean Bay, said that the subcommittee will hold a meeting before the next area committee meeting to resolve the issue discussed earlier of committee oversight on the changes made in the 1998 ACP and how to communicate these changes.
5. **Volunteers**. The subcommittee has had good participation in its work to review the state guidance manual and forms, to publish information (signs, etc.) for volunteer help, and to establish a database of volunteer skills. Also, it will be looking into state requirements as far as who is authorized to help during spills (e.g. is there a minimum age for young people who want to participate?). The next subcommittee meeting will be held March 13 at 1000 at the CCC of fires in San Francisco.
6. **Hazmat**. CWO Ken Jackson reported that a PREP exercise involving a Hazmat incident scenario is planned this year for the bay. Conducting an exercise with Hazmat will help Coast Guard Headquarters evaluate planned regulations requiring industry to conduct Hazmat PREP exercises. At the moment, two exercises are planned; one smaller exercise, possibly involving a container incident is planned in the March-April time frame, and a second, possibly involving a facility is scheduled for June or July.

Demonstration of TAPS Model

Heather Parker, NOAA, gave a demonstration of the Trajectory Analysis Planning System software. This computer program, which projects oil trajectories based on statistical historic information, is planned to be included on the CD Rom containing the ACPs.

New Business

Area committee members were encouraged to volunteer to participate In subcommittee activities by signing up on the sheets m the back of the room.

Set next meeting date

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for February 18, dependent on the outcome of the SISRS Subcommittee meeting. During their meeting on 11 February, the SISRS Subcommittee discussed and resolved the problem with area committee oversight of the process of adding new sensitive sites, and February meeting will not be held. Therefore, the next area committee meeting will be Wednesday, March 25, 1998 at 0930 in Gresham Hall on CG Island.